

I look forward to the group's continued success for years to come.

**CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLLINSVILLE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2015*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Collinsville Memorial Public Library on their 100th anniversary of service to our community.

On October 15th, 1915, Mrs. John Bruso, the president of the Collinsville Study Club, now the Women's Club, tasked Mrs. Charles Holding, Mrs. Charles Listeman, and Mrs. AC Powel with establishing a Library for the city of Collinsville. Less than a year later, the library opened on the second floor of city hall. One hundred and twenty-one volumes were donated for public use.

Since opening, the library has seen many moves and structural modifications, as well as the addition of the Collinsville Historical Museum. I am proud to say the library also serves as a memorial. On November 30th, 1938, a tablet was dedicated to fifteen Americans who heroically gave their lives in World War I, and exactly ten years later another tablet was dedicated to fifty soldiers who defended our freedom in World War II.

I am proud of the history the Collinsville Memorial Public Library has in our community, and I'm excited to see what it will bring to our future generations.

**ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN FAMINE-GENOCIDE OF 1932-1933**

**HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2015*

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as we near the anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the victims, survivors and families of this tragedy.

During this time, nearly 10 million Ukrainians were killed under the direction of Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin who ordered the borders of Ukraine sealed to prevent anyone from escaping the man-made starvation and prevent any international food aid from entering.

Grain harvests were deliberately confiscated so millions of innocent men, women and children starved all to destroy the nationally conscious movement for independence.

In 1985, the United States Commission on the Ukraine Famine formed to expand the world's knowledge and understanding of the events of this genocide of 1932-1933. They found that the victims were "starved to death in a man-made famine" and that "Joseph Stalin and those around him committed genocide against Ukrainians in 1932-1933".

And so, today I stand here in solidarity with the Ukrainian people, to remember the suffering experienced under Stalin. I am a proud representative of Pennsylvania's 13th District

where I have many Ukrainian constituents whom I would like to specifically acknowledge.

I commend the Congress when in 2006 legislation was enacted to authorize the construction of a memorial in the District of Columbia to honor the victims of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide. Today, we can see the culmination of this effort with a meaningful memorial by Union Station that I visited earlier today.

Unfortunately, today many people have never heard of Holodomor, despite the 10 million that perished. I call for more efforts to be made like that of the Commission to educate the public on this issue, so everyone understands the events of this genocide. We must learn our history so we do not repeat the mistakes of our past. We must ensure this never happens again—especially at a time where Russia continues to show aggression in Ukraine.

**25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR HISPANICS**

**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2015*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. This initiative has focused on improving and expanding the educational outcomes of Latino students throughout our country.

Across our country approximately one in four students in our public schools is Latino. Ensuring every child has the opportunity to succeed is our moral obligation and imperative to the success of our country. I commend the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics and all the outstanding organizations selected as Bright Spots for their unwavering commitment to the academic success Latino children throughout our country.

I wish to especially congratulate Yuma Union High School District's Ready Now Yuma initiative in my congressional district for being selected as a Bright Spot. Ready Now Yuma's commitment to our youth is imperative in ensuring that every child is prepared for success.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2015*

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to indicate that I inadvertently voted "Yea" on Roll Call 606. I intended to vote "Nay."

**RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GUILLAIN-BARRÉ SYNDROME/CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY DEMYELINATING POLYNEUROPATHY FOUNDATION**

SPEECH OF

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2015*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Guillain-Barré/Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy Foundation International's thirty-fifth anniversary. For more than three decades, the GBS/CIDP Foundation has done more than advocate for effective treatment; it has provided hope and resources to those who suffer from these disorders. The Foundation's staff and volunteers help those with GBS and CIDP recognize that they are not alone—and that they have powerful allies in their corner.

Last night, I had the privilege of serving as master of ceremonies for the Foundation's anniversary gala, at which my friend and colleague, Representative JOHN GARAMENDI of California was honored as "Legislator of the Year." JOHN's two daughters, Christina and Elizabeth, experienced GBS, and he is not only a great leader on this issue but also a steadfast advocate for access to quality, affordable health care for all who need it.

Many of those who suffer from GBS and CIDP find themselves experiencing a physical disability, which can have a profound effect on their quality of life and, potentially, their ability to work. One of the proudest moments of my career in public service was leading the effort in the House to pass the bipartisan Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, ensuring that every American with a differing ability can have his or her equal rights, equal access, and equal dignity recognized and respected.

This year we're celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of that landmark legislation, which did more than change the way we construct buildings or crosswalks—it changed attitudes. Changing attitudes about what GBS and CIDP means for those experiencing it and why we must work together to find new treatments and a cure has been the great work of this Foundation.

I am proud to have been a part of last night's event, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the GBS/CIDP Foundation International on this milestone anniversary. I want to thank organizers Ralph Neas and Katherine Beh Neas, both for their friendship over the years and for their untiring efforts to raise awareness, provide resources, and support research to benefit those suffering from GBS/CIDP. I look forward to continuing my support for their important and impactful work.

**RECOGNIZING STRATEGIC STAFFING SOLUTIONS AND PRESIDENT AND CEO CINDY PASKY ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2015*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Strategic Staffing Solutions and